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SUBJ: UN IS "INIVERSAL" SAYS PRAVDA

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1. IN A LENGTHY AND FAIRLY STANDARD REVEIW PEGGED TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UN (PRAVDA, JUNE 26), VIKTOR ISRAELYAN, CHIEF OF THE MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, STATES INTER ALIA THAT THE WORLD BODY WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF "UNIVERSALITY," AND THAT IT HAS BECOME "ALMOST A UNIVERSAL ORGANIZATION."

2. COMMENT: DURING TALKS TWO WEEKS AGO WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM ABOUT MOSCOW'S POLICY SHOULD THERE
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DEVELOP A CAMPAIGN TO BAR ISRAEL FROM THIS YEAR'S

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION (REFTEL), ISRAELYAN HEDGED BY SAYING THAT MOSCOW HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED IN THIS REGARD, AND THAT SOVIET POLICY WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON WHETHER ADEQUATE PROGRESS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN MADE. ISRAELYAN'S REFERENCE TO "UNIVERSALITY" MAY GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY HIS WORDS BACK TO HIM AT SOME POINT, PARTICULARLY IF THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO TRY TO STAY ON THE FENCE ON THE ISRAEL ISSUE. THE SOVIET REFERENCES TO UNIVERSALITY ARE ALSO RELEVANT, OF COURSE, IN THE KOREA AND VIETNAM CONTEXTS.
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